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work, which puts under proper heading many legal propositions which are not easily found in the books. It is a "commonplace book" in that it groups alphabetically expressions of familiar principles, which are useful to know or peculiarly fortunate in the way they are put.

It is to be regretted that the author did not write a preface explaining his purpose and calling attention to the method of using the volume. To those lawyers who are in the habit of keeping and using an *index rerum* or commonplace book, the book will prove a valuable aid, and the profession at large will find it useful after they have taken the pains to make out its purpose and learn how to use it.

The Laws of England, being a complete statement of the whole law of England. By the Right Honorable, the Earl of Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, 1885-86, 1886-92, and 1895-1905, and other lawyers. Volume 3, from Bills of Sale to Burial and Cremation. Butterworth & Company, 11 & 12. Bell Yard, Temple Bar. 1908. Cromarty Law Book Company, 1112 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Price \$7.50, net.

The third volume of this compilation of the laws of England will be of particular interest to American lawyers, as it contains the Bill of Sales Act, which has been almost in its entirety adopted by several states in the Union, and which was proposed in the last Virginia Legislature and not acted upon. We sincerely hope that the next Legislature will adopt this admirable act, with such slight changes as to meet the American views on the subject. The article on Bonds, Boundaries and Public Walls is likewise of interest to the American lawyer; whilst the article on Building Contracts, Engineers and Architects will also be found useful. About one hundred and seventy-five pages of the volume are taken up with the laws of Burial and Cremation, and American lawyers will be surprised to find how much law there is in England upon a subject, to which our law-makers have given practically no attention, but which in England has given rise to many curious decisions and some strange, along with some excellent, law. It becomes plainly apparent with the issuance of each volume of this work that it can not only be used by the American Lawyer as a source of information, but that it has a distinct practical value.

Machen on Corporations, a Treatise on the Modern Law of Corporations with reference to formation and operation under General Laws. By Arthur W. Machen, Jr., of the Baltimore Bar. Boston. Little, Brown & Co. 1908. Two Volumes. 2032 pages. \$12.00 net.

We have books galore on Corporations and Corporation Law, but this is the first attempt to bring together in a work entirely devoted to this subject, the laws of our everyday business corporations from the point of view appropriate to those organized under general laws. The author has written a *modern* law book, rejecting the old law of Corporations organized under crown charters or special acts of the Legislature. He has analyzed thoroughly the law and process of incorporation, of promoters, of underwriting agreements, of preferred shares, of increase and reduction of capital, of transfer of shares, of directors' and stockholders' meetings, of by-laws and dividends and many subdivisions of the law of bonds and mortgages. There is no

dead matter in the book, and no useless repetition. The work is of distinct value in that it groups together much that can only be found by wading through a multitude of volumes, and it states concisely and with care the legal propositions which relate to its subject. We do not know of any other volume which can take its place and we consider it a most valuable addition to legal literature.

The Lawyers' Reports, Annotated. New Series. Book 15. Burdett A. Rich, Henry P. Farnham, Editors. 1908. Rochester, New York. The Lawyers Co-Operative Publishing Company. Price \$4.

Volume 15 of this valuable series is in no way inferior to the volumes preceding it, and they have become an almost absolute necessity to the library of a lawyer who wishes to keep up with the case law of the day. The present volume is peculiarly rich in cases of present interest. Interstate Commerce, Monopolies, Negligence, questions concerning the regulation, control and inhibition of the sales of intoxicating liquors, Domestic Relations—all these have important cases reported and thoroughly annotated. Upon the question of prohibition of sales of intoxicating liquors, the note to *State v. Durien*, p. 908, is a complete and exhaustive review of the whole subject from the constitutional standpoint.